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Ms. Hamilton:

Attached is a Preliminary Amendment for the above-referenced application. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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Preliminary Amendment

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above application, please amend the application as follows. These amendments are made to address the issues identified in the Office action mailed August 13, 2002 in connection with U.S. Application Serial No. 09/529,482.

In the drawings:

Please allow Applicant to amend sheet 2 of the drawings to include an insertion slit. It is proposed to depict the slit by means of two broken lines, and to reference the slit by means of reference numeral "35". A letter to the Chief Draftsperson is enclosed.

Page 6, lines 16 and 17 provides full support for this amendment.

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